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Applicants:	Benito Munoz, et al.		
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For:	GEMINALLY DI-SUBSTITUTED NSAID DERIVATIVES AS ABETA 42 LOWERING AGENTS		Examiner: Nolan, J.M.

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This communication is in reply to the non-final Office Action dated March 19, 2007 setting forth a shortened statutory period for reply ending June 19, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified patent application are respectfully requested. This application relates to geminally di-substituted NSAID derivatives as Aβ42 lowering agents.

Claims 20, 21 and 31 to 42 are currently pending in the application. Claims 20, 31, 33 to 36 and 41 stand rejected for non-enablement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 21, 32, 37 to 40 and 42 are allowed. This indication of allowability is appreciatively acknowledged.

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